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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 15, 1997. Due to wet weather, limited farming activities occurred during the week. Dry conditions are needed in order for cotton producers to sidedress with nitrogen. Replanting of sorghum and soybeans will be necessary in some areas. Soil moisture conditions were rated 43 percent adequate and 57 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Emerged	100	100	100	100	0	6	25	57	12
	Silke	16	7	30	32					
	Dough	3	---	3	5					
Cotton	Planted	100	100	100	100	3	9	30	50	8
	Emerged	99	98	100	99					
	Squaring	7	4	76	51					
Rice	Planted	100	100	100	100	0	3	27	66	4
	Emerged	100	99	100	100					
Sorghum	Planted	99	98	100	97	0	9	31	57	3
	Emerged	98	96	99	94					
Soybeans	Planted	83	82	96	84	1	6	30	51	12
	Emerged	74	69	94	76					
	Blooming	8	---	14	3					
Wheat	Mature	61	50	99	97	1	7	37	45	10
	Harvested	16	5	66	51					
Peanuts	Planted	100	99	100	94	0	0	5	95	0
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	18	12	37	59	0	10	1	88	1
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	89	85	95	---	1	6	38	46	9
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	21	18	30	---					
Peaches	Harvested	17	13	27	27	0	1	17	63	19
Watermelons	Planted	95	94	100	97	3	10	34	43	10
Blueberries						0	6	17	60	17
Cattle						0	1	19	61	19
Pasture						0	4	20	55	21

County Agent Comments

"Wet weather continues to cause the crop situation to decline. Cotton stands are dying. Over half the soybeans that have been planted will have to be replanted. Sweetpotatoes have yet to be set."

— Ricky Ferguson, Pontotoc County

"Row crop producers continue to need dry weather conditions. Cotton producers are waiting for dry weather to sidedress with nitrogen and to clean up weeds in fields. Soybean producers need to complete planting and hay producers need sunshine and dry weather to complete harvesting."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Lots of cotton acreage will fail due to excess water. The same is true for soybeans that have been planted to this point. I don't hold much hope for soybeans to be planted before July 4th. Corn in lower fields looks terrible."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

"Excessive rainfall in the county has caused damage to the corn and soybean crops. Weeds are showing up in fields and more disease and rot problems are being experienced. We need some warm, dry weather to continue planting and to give crops some relief."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

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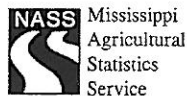
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Weather Summary From June 9, 1997 to June 15, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	71		79									
Cleveland	88	66	76			1.28		3	6.12				
Tunica	88	60	72	78	-6	0.89	+0.03	2	6.80	84	74	78	
Extreme/Average	91	60	74	78	-4	1.09	+0.23	3	6.46	84	74	78	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	87	60	71	75	-4	2.06	+1.01	5	6.41	85	68	75	0.16
Memphis	87	64	73	79	-5	1.36	+0.71	5	9.06				
Oxford	88	55	72	76	-3	2.70	+2.01	4	7.53				
Extreme/Average	88	55	72	76	-4	2.04	+1.24	5	7.67	85	68	75	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	62	70	76	-5	3.49	+2.71	3	10.59				
Corinth	90	62	73	77	-4	3.39	+2.57	5	10.03				
Iuka	84	56	69			3.22		5	11.04				
Pontotoc	88	63	73	76	-3	3.79	+2.90	5	11.05	85	69	76	0.23
Tupelo	86	63	73	77	-3	2.89	+2.09	4	10.04				
Verona	87	64	73			3.55		5	10.32	82	67	73	0.19
Extreme/Average	90	56	72	76	-5	3.39	+2.57	5	10.51	85	67	75	0.17
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	68	78	80	-2	3.84	+2.95	4	7.54	93	79	85	
Greenwood	86	66	76	79	-3	2.74	+1.63	4	4.54				
Rolling Fork	89	66	77			1.61	+0.76	2	4.55	95	81	87	0.14
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	88	60	77	80	-3	5.80	+4.97	4	9.89				
Extreme/Average	90	60	77	80	-3	3.50	+2.58	4	6.63	95	79	86	0.14
5. Central													
Carthage	90	64	70	78	-7	1.81	+1.07	2	8.82				
Jackson	88	66	77	79	-2	4.26	+3.85	3	9.99				
Winona	85	56	72	75	-3	5.60	+4.81	3	12.70				
Extreme/Average	90	56	73	77	-4	3.89	+3.24	3	10.50				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.08	+0.47	2	9.78	82	67	75	
Columbus	91	64	77			0.85		5	7.79				
State University	89	64	76	78	-2	1.60	+1.08	3	7.09	89	69	78	
Extreme/Average	91	64	76	78	-2	1.23	+0.71	4	7.44	89	67	78	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	65	77			9.16		4	14.29	95	75	84	
Natchez	90	66	77	79	-2	1.45	+0.66	3	8.20				
Oakley	90	65	76			5.99	+5.32	4	14.05	83	77	81	
Vicksburg	87	69	77			5.70		4	8.03				
Extreme/Average	90	65	77	79	-2	5.58	+4.85	4	11.14	95	75	82	
8. South-Central													
Columbia						0.55	-0.09	2	5.07				
McComb	91	67	79	79	+1	0.91	+0.24	2	4.80				
Extreme/Average	91	67	79	79	+1	0.73	+0.07	2	4.94				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	65	80			0.63		2	8.57	95	73	84	
Hattiesburg	90	66	77	79	-2	1.79	+1.01	3	13.23				
Laurel													
Meridian	90	65	77	78	-1	0.54	-0.32	4	8.48				
Newton	90	64	76	77	-1	0.99	+0.29	3	5.84	88	69	77	0.22
Extreme/Average	94	64	78	78	-1	0.99	+0.21	3	9.03	95	69	81	0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	89	66											
Biloxi	88	70	79			2.15		3	11.94				
Gulfport	90	68											
Pascagoula						2.92	+1.73	3	10.81				
Poplarville	92	68								94	71		0.21
Extreme/Average	92	66	79			2.54	+1.35	3	11.38	94	71		
State	94	55	76	78	-2	2.50	+1.71	4	8.57	95	67	79	0.17

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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